

LIVE SPORTS Edited By Louis Dougher

Manager Griffith Confident His Team Will Be a Success

GRIFFMEN START ON THEIR FLAG CHASE

Old Fox Says He Honestly Thinks Team Has a Chance to Beat Out Athletics.

JOHNSON MEETS COLLINS

Players Share Confidence of Their Leader as Big League Curtain Rolls Up.

PROBABLE LINE-UP.

GRIFFMEN.	RED SOX.
Moeller, rf.	Hooper, rf.
Foster, 3b.	Engel, 1b.
Milan, cf.	Speaker, cf.
Gandil, 1b.	Lewis, 2b.
Morgan, 2b.	Gardner, 3b.
Shanks, lf.	Verkes, 2b.
Ainsmith, c.	Scott, ss.
McBride, ss.	Cady, c.
Johnson, p.	Collins, p.

Game at 3 P. M.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

BOSTON, Mass., April 14.—Yeehaw! That inspiring battle cry of the Nationals, will sweep across the wind-swept diamond of Fenway Park this afternoon in the inaugural of the championship season.

Boston is thoroughly aroused over the possibilities of a championship club in this city, and there is as great an interest in the opening contest as in any of the past seasons. Conservative Bostonians feel that even should the team fail to finish in the van of the race, it will at least have the sinful satisfaction of having wrecked and ruined the ambitions and hopes of some of the clubs that have a greater mechanical strength.

In his determination to get away well, Clark Griffith will present against the Bostonians the greatest defensive baseball club that ever stepped on the diamond. Throughout the preliminary season of games the chief of the collection seat out his cards with the idea always in mind of having Walter Johnson ready for today and at the same time primed for the start at Washington on April 22. So today it will be Walter the Mighty against Ray Collins, the most select of the whole Boston staff of pitchers.

Three last season did this brace of mound luminaries face each other, and on two occasions the long end of the score went to the Boston man, 1 to 0. In the form shown this spring Johnson is ready and in playing his full hand for the opener Griffith is satisfied that he has better than an even chance of getting away with the game.

After reserving himself all through the preliminary work and watching the reports information that he obtained from the other teams, Griffith this morning gave out the opinion, closely compared and in writing, of the probable chances of the Nationals in the season of 1914.

"We've got a chance and a good one. Any man who would attempt to discredit the Athletics should see a specialist. Still, I think that, taken the aggregate, our club is just as strong as Mack's, and if either Bender or Plank ever crack, and they have to some time, we will beat them, and we'll finish in front. This is my honest opinion."

"I would hate to mislead the people who have so royally supported us during the two seasons. Still, I think that we have an excellent chance, and I have never figured that we would ever finish worse than second."

The words of Griffith are reflected in his players. There is apparently not a single regular on the roster who does not consider his own club superior to the Athletics, and while they all agree that the Mackmen can hit, they figure that when you take into balance the hitting and fielding morale, the Nationals have come out on the team that last season finished less than seven victories in front.

With the measles scare blown off through the departure for Washington of the morning newspapermen who contracted the disease, the whole spirit of the Nationals is one of confidence. The remarkable shift to heavy hitting during the past week of the men who are being depended upon to offer the true offensive strength of the club, as demonstrated against the Boston Nationals and again at Providence, has served to cheer up the whole party and the men will jump into the contest this afternoon with all the reasonable self-satisfaction that it is possible to crowd into a band of ball players.

This morning there was a club meeting during which the plans and signals were gone over and all the plans laid whereby it is hoped that the club can get away with an all important victory in the outset.

Georges Carpentier And Smith Matched

NEW YORK, April 14.—For a \$25,000 purse, Georges Carpentier and Gunboat Smith will meet in the ring in London, in the near future, according to announcement today.

Jim Buckley, who is in San Francisco, wired here that Smith and Battling Levinsky would not meet there May 1 as formerly announced.

Cosmos Shows Games.

Beginning today and continuing throughout the season, the Cosmos Theater will reproduce every game played by the Climbers at home and abroad on their Cosmos scoreboard.

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MANAGER BILL GRIFFITH.

MANAGER CLARK GRIFFITH.

CATCHER EDDIE AINSWORTH.



CATCHER FORREST CADDY.

PITCHER RAY COLLINS.

"YOU CAN'T BUY STARS FOR MONEY," SAYS GRIFF

By THOMAS KIRBY.

BOSTON, April 14.—"All this talk of going into the minors and getting good ball players for record prices is all bunk," mused Clark Griffith today as he was discussing the possibility of strengthening a team in midseason by raiding the clubs lower down on baseball's ladder.

"In all my experience I can recall only two players—Chick Gandil and Rube Marquard—who have come through after thousands have been spent in obtaining their services. From the day he reported, Gandil has been a star for us, but you will remember that it took three years of constant coaching to bring Marquard up to the place where he was a regular."

"Had it not been for the pile of cash that was gambled on him, Marquard would never have lasted. But McGraw

wanted to make good on the outlay, and Marquard received all the attention that could be showered on a pitcher."

"Now let some of those who think it is an easy matter to get stars if you will loosen up rack their brains and try to add a few to the two whom I have named who have come out of the minors for a lot of real money who have proven themselves worth the original investment."

"I think Griffith has one grand ball club. Ever since I first broke into the game I have been a great believer in speed, and that's one of the real reasons why I admire the Washington team," commented Bill Donovan, erstwhile Detroit pitcher, who is the manager of the Providence Grays.

"The team may not hit as well as some of the others, but they have a knack of getting everything possible out of

their wallop, and if a couple of those young pitchers should come through, the Nationals have a good chance to finish at the top."

Those who think that being business manager of a ball club is a sinecure should see Billy Fowler on these trips. Between counting out every couple of steps the individual men of the party of thirty-one, dealing out berths, seeing that the baggage is gotten aboard properly, assigning rooms in hotels, getting the athletes to the park, watching

the gates, counting the receipts, paying bills, and hearing complaints, Fowler has nothing to do.

Last Sunday night was John Bentley's first experience in a sleeper. As soon as the players heard of the innocence of the Sandy Spring pitcher they tried to tell him that the little hammock across the window was for his pitching arm. He did not fall for this, but declares he did not close his eyes during the whole of the journey, on the "New York, New Haven and Hartford" road.

WEEGHMAN IS NOT WORRIED BY SUIT

"Just So They Don't Try to Get My Park." Is Chicagoan's Remark.

CHICAGO, April 14.—President Charles Weeghman, of the Chicago Feds, today refused to be disturbed because the Philadelphia Nationals late yesterday threw a \$25,000 damage suit and another injunction suit at a group of Federal officials of which he was a member.

"Conspirator, eh," said Weeghman. "As long as they don't sue for my park I'm not worried."

Weeghman, Manager Joe Tinker, and the Chicago Federal squad had reserved seats at this afternoon's opener at the Sox's park.

BILLY MURRAY SAYS HE'LL BE CHAMPION

Victor Over Leo Houck Thinks He Will Reach Place Formerly Occupied by Ketchell.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 14.—Billy Murray says he will be the next middleweight champion of the world. He is taking to heart the lessons of his draw with Jimmy Clabby, where the more experienced boxer outgeneraled him and saved himself from defeat, and he thinks that with a few more bouts he can clean up on Clabby and Gibbons, who now that Chly has been cleaned into dreamland, rank as the most formidable of the real middleweights.

If he comes as fast in the next year as he has since he first flamed upon the scene here, he will practically duplicate the career of Stanley Ketchell.

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BROOKLANDERS ARE ON TWO DAYS' TRIP

Play Yale Today and Virginia Tomorrow, After Losing to Fordham.

Catholic University's diamond actors are on a two days' trip South, being scheduled to meet Yale's nine at Norfolk today and the University of Virginia's team at Charlottesville tomorrow, following yesterday's 9 to 2 defeat at the hands of Fordham University's fast bunch of ball players. This is the second time this season C. U. has suffered by meeting Fordham.

Although but eight innings of the Fordham-C. U. game were played, it required but six of them for the visitors to register their nine runs off Johnson and Trayers, no scoring having occurred in the last two sessions.

Most of the fireworks were seen in the fifth frame, when seven tallies were recorded by Fordham as a result of five hits, a pass, and three nasty errors. One run had been made by them in the opener, and the ninth came in the sixth inning, when Kane staged his second two-bagger, and was sent scampering home when Carroll singled.

Pat Keelen had control of the situation after the first round, and is largely responsible for holding the Brooklanders at bay. The first inning was the only instance in which he showed any sign of weakness. Catholic University's five hits coming at that time.

The score—

R. H. E.

Fordham..... 100 61 65-12 1

Catholic University 200 60 62-2 4

Batteries—Keelen and Viviano; Johnson, Trayers, and Zachary.

American Association

Opens Its Campaign

INDIANAPOLIS, April 14.—Thomas M. Chivington, president of the American Association, last night announced the assignment of umpires for the opening games of the season today. Johnstone and Lewis will officiate in Indianapolis, Owens and Connolly in Kansas City, Westervelt and Obrien at Milwaukee, and Murray and Johnson at Louisville. The school of instruction which President Chivington held here for the umpires for three days was ended yesterday, and the men departed for the cities where they will begin their season's work. Mr. Chivington went to Kansas City to attend the first game there.

Yesterday's Scores.

New York (N. L.) 3; Baltimore (I. L.) 1.

Philadelphia (A. L.) 2; Philadelphia (N. L.) 1.

Washington (A. L.) 4; Providence (I. L.) 1.

New York (N. L. second), 11; Wilmington, 2.

Toronto, 10; King College, 5.

Georgetown, 7; Princeton, 1.

Fordham, 9; Catholic University, 2.

Pennsylvania, 2; State College, 1.

Virginia, 3; Yale, 5.

University of Georgia, 2; University of Illinois, 1.

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